take to effectively check terrorist acts in Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Following the recent talks between the Union Home Secretary and the Interior Secretary of Pakistan, both sides agreed to take concrete measures to contain terrorism, drug trafficking and smuggling and illicit border crossings along the India Pakistan border.

(b) Does not arise.

Clearance of Vamsadhara Stage-II Project

280. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1101 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state :

(a) whether Government have accorded clearance to the major irrigation projects of Jurala and Vamsadhara Stage-II in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for withholding their clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) These projects have not yet been cleared for want of clearance by the Department of Environment and Forests. In addition, concurrence of the Government of Orissa is necessary for Vamsadhara Project Stage-II.

Tax Research Unit of Ministry of Finance

281. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that a study was conducted by the Finance Ministry's tax research unit regarding tax evasion ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated amount of tax evasion by the corporate sector during 1988-89.

(c) what amount is involved in disputes during the same period ; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to recover the massive tax evasion by the corporate sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) and (b) No study regarding tax evasion has been conducted by Tax Research Unit of the Ministry of Finance.

(c) As on 1-6-1989 Central Excise dues of Rs. 2047.94 crores are tied up in cases pending in High Courts/Supreme Court.

(d) The Government takes effective, preventive punitive and legislative measures as considered necessary from time to time to prevent tax evasion.

Persons killed in Assam by Bodo Extremists

282. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of persons killed in Assam by the Bodo extremists during the last six months so far; and

(b) what help the Central Government are extending to the State Government to curb terrorism in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) According to information received from the State Government from time to time, 239 persons have died in agitation during six months ending June, 1989.

(b) On the request of the State Government, Central para-military forces have been provided and 'stand-by' deployment of army have been made.

Bodo Speaking Population in Assam

283. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Bodo speaking population in the District of Kokrajhar and in the Sub-Division of Udalguri in Assam;

(b) what is the number of total Bodo speaking population in Assam; and

(c) what is the total number of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes in Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) The 1981 census could be conducted in Assam owing to disturbed conditions prevailing in that State then. However, according to the 1971 census, the numbers of Bodo/Boro speaking population in the areas comprising the present District of Kokrajhar and the Sub-Division of Udalguri work out to 190,841 and 36,581 respectively.

(b) The total Bodo/Boro speaking population in Assam according to 1971 census was 533,713.

(c) The total number of persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes in Assam according to 1971 census was 1,606, 648.

Meeting of Representatives of ABSU with the Union Home Minister

284. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some representatives of the All Bodo Student's Union recently met the Union Home Minister to place their demands;

(b) if so, when the meeting took place and what were their demands; and

(c) what was the Central Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

9th Finance Commissions Over Estimation of Receipt of Oil Royalty by Assam

285. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the 9th Finance Commission over-estimated the receipt of oil royalty by Assam in 1989-90; and

(b) if so, to what extent it was over-estimated and whether this over estimation has been corrected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) and (b) The Finance Commission has stated in its Report that in respect of receipts from